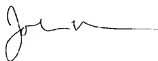


Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A. Merecki', followed by a horizontal line.

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